



**Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board**

Tobacco and Cannabis Policy

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POLICY

1. No smoking or vaping of Cannabis or THC within Minneapolis parks. No smoking, vaping or use in any form of tobacco products within Minneapolis parks.

Tobacco products of any form, and Cannabis or THC products that produce vapor or smoke in any form on Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board lands and in Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board owned and/or operated facilities are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, playgrounds, athletic fields, beaches, aquatic areas, lakes and rivers, ice skating rinks, parks, walking/hiking/biking trails, restaurants, maintenance support facilities, the MPRB Headquarters, golf courses, and temporary work zones such as the street right-of-way among others.

2. Enforcement, Penalties and Public Awareness

The community, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy through posted signs and on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board website. Park staff, including Park Police, will help inform the public of the new policy, and warn those violating this policy that they will be asked to leave the park/facility should they fail to stop using tobacco products in any form, and cannabis and THC products that create smoke or vapor in any form.

Those violating this policy may be asked to leave the park/park facility by the Park staff, including Park Police.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff, including Park Police, will monitor compliance with this policy for the purposes of determining whether a future ordinance may be needed.

3. Ceremonial Use of Tobacco

It is not a violation of this policy for a person or group to use Traditional Tobacco on Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board owned or operated land as part of a traditional spiritual or cultural ceremony.

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE:

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DEFINITIONS

"Tobacco product" means any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. "Tobacco product" also means electronic delivery devices and any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, and substances used in electronic delivery devices, whether or not they contain nicotine. "Tobacco product" does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

"Cannabis and THC Products" means any product containing cannabis flower, cannabis plants or cannabinoids.

"Traditional Tobacco" means a product different than commercial tobacco that is prepared for ceremonial use. Tribal methods and ingredients differ, but "Traditional Tobacco" is carefully hand-prepared and offered respectfully for ceremony.